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The US Government must stop Microsoft from extending its reach into any other aspects for the simple reason that it has shown itself to force control over information to its own ends no matter what the cost to the consumer. Its monopolistic practices have kept alternatives out of reach for many people to the detriment of all users worldwide.

Besides creating the shoddiest sort of operating environment available it has attempted to control the "content" of documents via its Smart Tags technology which can add linkages that were not intended by the original authors of the document. This meddling with information is too frightening in its implications. If Smart Tagging can alter documents in any case, can the user be sure that this will NEVER be done under ANY circumstances with or without the users knowledge of it???

The US Government must also remove its dependency on Microsoft products for its own useage since the levels of insecurity that Microsoft products provide is deplorable. There are several valid alteratives that must be deployed so that the US Government itself is not beholden to a single information technology provider (Linux, UNIX, MacOSX)

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